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SUBJECT : ESTIMATES OF BOAT REFUGEES IN VARIOUS
- CATEGORIES

REF: STATE 143859

1. UP-TO-DATE REFUGEE POPULATION IN TAIWAN IS NOW
157 INDIVIDUALS OF WHICH NONE HAVE BEEN INS APPROVED.
BIO-DATA HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR 116 OF THIS GROUP
TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY UNDER IPP-78. THE FIGURES
BELOW USE PROPOSED CRITERIA AND PERCENTAGES INCLUDE
ACCOMPANYING RELATIVES.
NEW DEFINITIONS(PROPOSED)
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CAT I - 21 (13 PERCENT)
CAT II - NONE
CAT III - NONE
NON-CATEGORY - 136 (87PERCENT ALL WITHOUT 3RD
COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT OFFERS)

2. EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO ACCURATELY ESTIMATE WHAT

PERCENTAGE OF FUTURE ARRIVALS MIGHT FIT INTO EACH OF THE PROPOSED CATEGORIES. OF THE CUMULATIVE BOAT CASE ARRIVALS (221 INDIVIDUALS) SINCE MARCH 1977, ONLY 53 HAVE BEEN INS APPROVED(ALL AS CATEGORY IIIS) AND SENT TO THE U.S. (11 OF THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL WERE RESETTLED IN TAIWAN BY GROC).

3. REFUGEES THAT ARRIVE IN TAIWAN BEFORE ESTABLISHMENT OF INS PROPOSED NEW CRITERIA(PER REFTTEL) SHOULD OE GIVEN, IF POSSIBLE, FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY INS UNDER THE PREVIOUS AND MORE LENIENT INTERPRETATION OF CATEGORY III OF IPP-78, ESPECIALLY DUE TO LACK OF THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS IN TAIWAN. EMBASSY HAS BEEN PROCESSING REFUGEES ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF IPP-78(REASON ACVA SPONSORSHIP SEARCHES WERE SENT PRIOR RECEIPT INS APPROVALS). SPECIFICALLY PARAGRAPH 15. OF STATE 038351 STATED "ANY NEW ARRIVALS IN COUNTRIES WHERE NO THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS ARE OPERATING, SUCH AS INDONESIA, JAPAN, HONG KONG AND TAIWAN, MAY ALSO BE PROCESSED FOR IPP-78."

4. BELIEVED THAT CATEGORY II SHOULD BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE ANY FORMER U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IF IN "SENSITIVE" POSITIONS AS OPPOSED TO ONLY FORMER EMPLOYEES IN SUPERVISORY POSITIONS. THIS COULD BE LEFT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO DISCRETION OF INS OFFICER CONCERNED AND COULD INCLUDE GEOGRAPHIC CONSIDERATIONS, E.G. CAMBODIA VERSES THE SRV.

5. FYI: EMBASSY REGRETS TARDY REPLY REFTTEL. STATE 143859 WAS DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION. EMBASSY DID NOT RECEIVE TELEGRAM UNTIL COB 6/12/78. UNGER

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